



Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program

Board of Psychology Overview

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Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI)



- Every Californian should have access to equitable, affordable, quality health care provided in a safe environment by a diverse workforce.
- As California's health care needs expand, HCAI is now responsible for managing an array of programs that grew substantially in this year's budget, including new areas of workforce development.

Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMH) Overview

- Established in 2007 to increase the supply of mental health professionals practicing in mental health professional shortage areas and qualified facilities.
- Grantees must commit to providing a 24-month service obligation at a qualifying facility in either an eligible facility type and/or geographic area where they will need to provide 32 hours or more per week of direct client care.
- The maximum award amount for LMH is **\$30,000**.

LMH Eligible Professions

LMH applicants must be currently licensed and/or certified, and practicing in one of the following professions:

- Associate Clinical Social Worker
- Associate Marriage and Family Therapist
- Associate Professional Clinical Counselor
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
- Licensed Psychologist
- Waivered Psychologist
- Postdoctoral Psychological Assistant
- Postdoctoral Psychological Trainee
- **Behavioral Disorder Counselor**
- **Mental Health Counselor**
- **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**
- **Psychiatric Nurse**
- **Rehabilitation Counselor**
- **Substance Use Disorder Counselor**

LMH Eligible Practice Sites

For a facility to be eligible, it must be in one of the following eligible geographic or site designations:

- Health Professional Shortage Area-Mental Health (HPSA-MH)
- A publicly funded facility
- A public mental health facility
- A non-profit private mental health facility that contracts with a county mental health entity
- Children's Hospital
- Correctional Facility
- County Health Facility
- Public School Facility
- State-Operated Health Facility
- Substance Use Disorder Facility
- Veteran's Facility

Board of Psychology Fund Balance

- As of May 2023, we have \$233,400.00 in licensure fees that have been deposited from the Board of Psychology into the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund.
- Funds deposited into the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund are used to provide awards and to cover administrative costs. Not all funds received are used for awards.
- Eligible Licensed Mental Health professions may be awarded using funds from the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund. Other eligible professions, **must** be awarded using other supplemental funds.

LMH Budget Overview

Program	Funding Source	Available Funding FY 2021-22	Available Funding FY 2022-23	Available Funding FY 2023-24
Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMHSPEP)	Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund: \$20 licensing fee through Board of Psychology and Board of Behavioral Science	\$693,000	\$693,000	\$693,000
	General Fund – Mental Health Workforce	\$ As needed	\$ As needed	\$ As needed
	General Fund – Foster Youth	\$795,789	\$750,789	\$237,567
	Kaiser South	\$150,000	\$45,000	\$0
	CVS	\$435,000	\$60,000	\$0
	Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$ As needed

LMH Awards Summary FY 2022-23

Program	Number of Applications Received	Number of Awards	Available Funding	Amount Awarded
Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMHSPEP)	1368*	1297**	\$ 37,493,676	\$ 37,266,464

*Of the total applications received, not all applicants were eligible.

** Of the total awarded, not all applicants accepted the award.

Board of Psychology Awards Summary

Fiscal Year	Number of Applications Received	Number of Applications Awarded	Available Funding	Amount Awarded
FY 2022-23	76*	72**	\$209,850	\$1,992,820**
FY 2021-22	29*	17	\$259,278	\$255,000
FY 2020-21	30*	10	\$152,770	\$150,000
Total	135	99	\$621,898	\$2,397,820

*Of the total applications received, not all applications are eligible or meet the minimum scoring criteria to receive an award.

**Number of Applications Awarded and Total Amount Awarded includes awards made using BOP funds and funding from other sources.

Other HCAI Programs for Psychologists

Loan Repayment Programs

- **State Loan Repayment Program (Application cycle is currently open and will close September 15, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.)**
 - Health Service Psychologist
- **Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (Next application cycle expected to open May 2024)**
 - Psychologist

Scholarship Programs

- **Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (Application cycle is currently open and will close August 15, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.)**
 - Assistant Psychologist
 - Licensed Clinical Psychologist
- **Golden State Social Opportunities Program (Application cycle is currently open and will close August 15, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.)**
 - Licensed Clinical Psychology (PhD or PsyD)

LMH Application

During the application cycle, Applicants must:

- Complete an on-line application through the web-based eApp (<https://funding.hcai.ca.gov/>)
- Include the following documents
 - Employment Verification Form
 - Lender Statement
 - Conflict of Interest Letter (**if applicable**)
 - Proof of licensure and/or certification

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QUESTIONS?

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Thank You!

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